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# S. 1172

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2005

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gynecologic Cancer  
5 Education and Awareness Act of 2005” or “Johanna’s  
6 Law”.

7 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN PROGRAMS REGARDING GYNECOLOGIC**  
8 **CANCERS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
2           Human Services (referred to in this section as the  
3           “Secretary”) shall carry out a national campaign to  
4           increase the awareness and knowledge of women  
5           with respect to gynecologic cancers.

6           (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities under the  
7           national campaign under paragraph (1) shall in-  
8           clude—

9                   (A) maintaining a supply of written mate-  
10                  rials that provide information to the public on  
11                  gynecologic cancers; and

12                   (B) distributing the materials to members  
13                  of the public upon request.

14           (3) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Ac-  
15           tivities under the national campaign under para-  
16           graph (1) shall, in accordance with applicable law  
17           and regulations, include developing and placing, in  
18           telecommunications media, public service announce-  
19           ments intended to encourage women to discuss with  
20           their physicians their risks of gynecologic cancers.  
21           Such announcement shall inform the public on the  
22           manner in which the written materials referred to in  
23           paragraph (2) can be obtained upon request, and  
24           shall call attention to early warning signs and risk

1 factors based on the best available medical informa-  
2 tion.

3 (b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-  
4 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
6 out a program to make grants to nonprofit private  
7 entities for the purpose of testing different outreach  
8 and education strategies to increase the awareness  
9 and knowledge of women and health care providers  
10 with respect to gynecologic cancers, including early  
11 warning signs and treatment options. Such strate-  
12 gies shall include strategies directed at physicians,  
13 nurses, and key health professionals and families.

14 (2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In  
15 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
16 shall give preference—

17 (A) to applicants with demonstrated exper-  
18 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-  
19 ment or in working with groups of women who  
20 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-  
21 cers; and

22 (B) to applicants that, in the demonstra-  
23 tion project under the grant, will establish link-  
24 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health

1 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State  
2 health departments.

3 (3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be  
4 made under paragraph (1) only if an application for  
5 the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the ap-  
6 plication is in such form, is made in such manner,  
7 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-  
8 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-  
9 essary to carry out this subsection.

10 (4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making  
11 grants under paragraph (1)—

12 (A) the Secretary shall make grants to not  
13 fewer than five applicants, subject to the extent  
14 of amounts made available in appropriations  
15 Acts; and

16 (B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-  
17 mation provided through demonstration projects  
18 under such grants is consistent with the best  
19 available medical information.

20 (5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
21 February 1, 2009, the Secretary shall submit to the  
22 Congress a report that—

23 (A) summarizes the activities of dem-  
24 onstration projects under paragraph (1);

(B) evaluates the extent to which the projects were effective in increasing early detection of gynecologic cancers and awareness of risk factors and early warning signs in the populations to which the projects were directed; and

(C) identifies barriers to early detection and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—For the purpose of carrying out subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated in the aggregate \$15,000,000 for the fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

(2) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out subsection (b), there is authorized to be appropriated in the aggregate \$30,000,000 for the fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

(B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A), not more than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-

1           pose of administering subsection (b), providing  
2           technical assistance to grantees under such sub-  
3           section, and preparing the report under para-  
4           graph (5) of such subsection.

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